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Newark has contacted and is continuing its efforts to contact appropriate family members of Air Force personnel who are listed as POWs. Because of the extreme delicate nature of this matter, those relatives whose sons or husbands, as the case may be, appearing on the list as MIA are being passed over with the thought that they should not be approached regarding this matter in light of their traumatic experience of being unable to determine with certainty the life of the loved one.

Newark is continuing with this course of action, UACB.

on 9/23/70, Mrs.

N.J., mother of refused personal interview stating she did not want to do or say anything which could jeopardize the safety of her son. Only after checking interviewing agents' identities through a telephone call to the Newark Office did she allow that she has been contacted by no one other than official government representatives concerning her son.

On 9/23/70, Mrs.

N.J., mother of

not been contacted by individuals or organizations concerning her son who is listed as a POW. She further advised her son's wife, Mrs.

Texas. She does not know if her daughter-in-law has had contact with COLIFAM.

On 9/29/70, Mr.

POW; advised that his wife received a card from her son approximately one year ago, which stated only that he was in good health. Mr.

suggested no contact be made with his wife so as not to upset her. He further advised his stepson's wife is

It will be noted that Mrs.

N.J.,

was contacted separately in this matter and her interview appears in body of instant report.

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12c 80 1-8/2-Copy to: Report of: Office: Newark, New Jersey Date: October 16, 1970 Field Office File #: 97-353 Bureou File #: 100-457899 Thie: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM INTERNAL SECURITY-MISCELLANEOUS; Character: REGISTRATION ACT-NORTH VIETNAM Synopsis: Mrs. Jersey, advised she has had no personal contact by any member of the Colifam Committee. She furnished copy of letter form sent to her by the Committee to use in sending communications to her husband. Mrs. New Jersey, grandmother of prisoner of war, reported that to her knowledge parents have not received personal contact by Collfam; however, she is aware that communications and packages have been sent via the Committee to her grandson. Mr. and Mrs. New Jersey. advised they have never been contacted by Colifam. Mrs. furnished address of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. MrsJ Jersey, advised she has received letters from her husband as enclosures to mimeographed communications from the Colifam Committee. She has made public statement through the news media that she is not in sympathy with Colifam or any pacifist movement in the United States and condemned these organizations for the means they were using to protest the war in Vietnam. Although she has had no personal contact with this committee, she is willing to testify to any information she has furnished concerning literature from Colifam. secral 60.12812 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN UNCLASSIFIED

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received from her husband, a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, was in December, 1969. It was received by her without any solicitation on her part and forwarded through a group known as Women Strike for Peace. She believes that a woman by the name of TAYLOR had gone to North Vietnam and was instrumental in sending the letter to her. It came from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The next letter she received in January, 1970. It came from the Committee of Liaison group accompanied by literature explaining the group and its purpose and urging her to forward any correspondence to her husband through this group. She has since discarded this literature as, after receiving it, she contacted the Air Force for their advice and they told her to use the regular government channels. As she recalls the literature stated, or at least implied, that the Government of North Vietnam would refuse any correspondence to her husband unless it went through this group.

She received a total of four letters from her husband in 1970 through this group. She knows that at least one of her letters sent through regular government channels was received by her husband. It was a letter she dated in October, 1969, which he said he received in March, 1970.

The only literature which she received from the Committee of Liaison group, which she presently has available is a letter form, copies of which were usually with her husband's mail when it was forwarded to her. It is similar to that provided by the government which she uses, except that it routes the mail via Moscow instead of direct to Hanoi.

The names of the members of the Committee of Liaison, such as DAVID DELLINGER and CORA WEISS, were familiar to her as they were on the literature she received; however, she has never met any of them and has never been personally contacted by any member of the Committee.

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- 3. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khỗ và quy dinh nay (Letters from families should also conform to this proforma).

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Dot. October 8, 1970 1 wed and furnished the following information: L2c She is the wife of United States Air Force, who was shot down over North Vietnam while a member of the United States Air Force on **▶1967.** first learned her husband's status as a prisoner of war by means of a voice tape identification in possession of the United States Air Force on May 19, 1969. On November 27, 1969, according to a newspaper article session of Mrs. Two American Pacifists Have in the possession of Mrs. Two American Pacifists Have Released a Communist List of 59 U.S. Servicemen Allegedly Held Prisoner in North Viewnam." The name of was contained in this list. IZE BOTTHE-2 Sic In December, 1969, the news media announced that three women had recently returned from Hanoi, North Vietnam, with 32 letters from American prisoners of war for their wifes and mothers. Mrs. advised that on December 24, 1969, she received her first letter from her husband which was postmarked North Vietnam and which was received through United States Post Office channels. On the same day, she received a letter from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in Northviatnam (COLIFAM), postmarked New York City, New York, which enclosed a second letter from her husband. Newspaper articles indicated that the three women had returned from Hanoi in December, 1969, with 98 letters from servicemen who were prisoners of war. Commencing in January, 1970, Mrs. quantity of letters, all mimeographed from COLIFAN, which she made available at this time. Enclosed with several of these Miters which she received over a period of several months were 月のしてかんへ letters from her husband. In April, 1970, a member of the American Friend Service Committee and the National Leader of Women's Strike for Peace, 12112-2 On__9/30/70 Newark 97-353 New Jersey 10/5/70

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CORA WEISE, contacted a television station in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, WCAU, and stated that they had litters from several servicemen who were prisoners of war. They publicly stated that included among these litters was one from to Mrs.

In this interview on WCAU, these individuals publicly suggested that WCAU interview Mrs. These concerning services performed for her by COLIFAM in transmitting letters from her husband.

her at her residence and in response to suggestions made by these individuals, asked Mrs. If she was backing the peace movement. Mrs. It stated that she became very incensed at this time and publicly stated that she was not in symplichy with COLIFAN or any Pacifist movement in the United States in any fashion and publicly condemned these organisations for the means they were using to protest the War in Vietnam.

This interview was taped and subsequently appeared on public television.

On one occasion immediately following this textision interview, Mrs. Stated that although she learned that COLIFAM had a letter in their possession from her husband which would arrive in approximately "three days", she did not receive this letter from COLIFAM from five weeks.

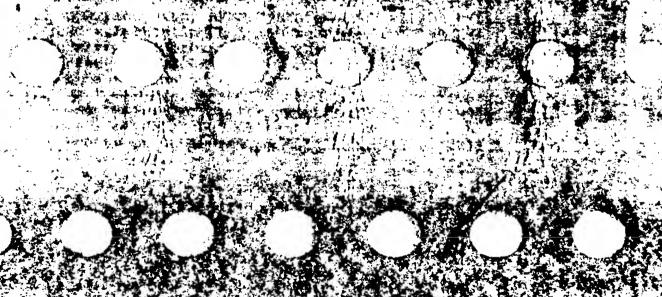
Mrs. Stated that at no time has any individual from COLIFAN or any organization in sympathy with that committee ever contacted her personally. At no time have they used any threats or attempted to cajole her into publicly identifying with that organization although she noted as previously stated that in a public interview they indicated that Mrs. In might be in sympathy with the peace movement in gratitude for services they had rendered in delivering mail from her husband. Ap /~//~~

Headquarters of the United States Air Force, Randelph Air Force Base, Texas, obnowrning material which she has received from COLIF. The miso made available a letter dated December, 3, 1969, from the Department of the Air Force Headquarters, 438th Air Ruse Group, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, subject "Address For Possible Delivery of Hail to POW Personnel", from next of Rin. This letter indicated that the organisation called International Service Division, American Friend Service Committee 160 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had offered to accept letters from the immediate family of men missing in action or

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CONFITTEE OF LIABLOR

With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietner 305 West W2nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036 (212)765 1890

Dear Mrs.

form.

We are enclosing a letter to you from written from a camp of detention in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The letter is forwarded to you through the newly formed Committee of Liaison of which we are members.

This letter, along with 63 others, was recently handed to Louis Schneider by Vietnamese authorities in Hanoi, and he mailed them to us from Hong Kong. This was in line with a system for handling such letters which has been opened up to our Committee by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

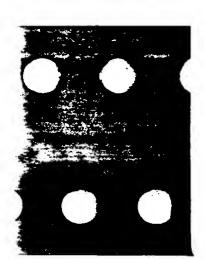
The Committee of Limison is composed of individuals active in the American peace movement and opposed to the U.S. military intervention in Vietnam. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam has decided to use our Committee as a channel for communication between the captured airmon in detention camps in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States.

Please excuse the fact that this letter is dittoed rather than typed on letterhead. We are a new committee and we want you to receive the enclosed without delay. Therefore we are mailing this letter immediately without waiting for printed letterhead and envelops.

We shall send you further information within the next few days regarding the liaison services our Committee is now able to perform.

In closing we wish to express the deep hope that the U.S. government will come to its senses, withdraw its armed forces from Vietnam, and thus make it possible for the families, both American and Vietnamese which have been separated as a result of this cruel war, to be reunited.

Sincerely yours, For the Committee of Liaison



Richard Fernandez
Clergy and Laymon
Concerned About Vietnam

Stewart Meacham American Friends Service Committee Ethel Taylor Women's Strike for Peace

Other members of the Committee are: David Dellinger, Cora Weiss, Rannie Davis, Anne Bennett, Bes Seitzman, Maggie Geddos, Trudi Young, Steve Halliwell, Barbara Webster

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

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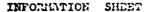
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Background

In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of SouthVietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S.

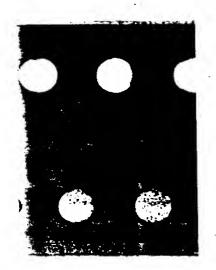
people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

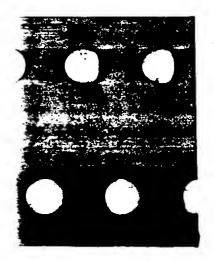
It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

Punctions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

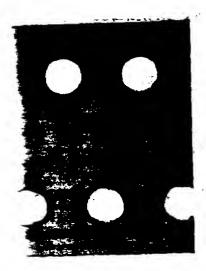




The Committee will seek to additate communication by ween families in the U.S. and servicement by imprisoned in Forth Victum. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicement forward them through the domestic mails, hereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

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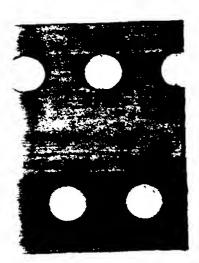
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requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing. By with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other South east Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.



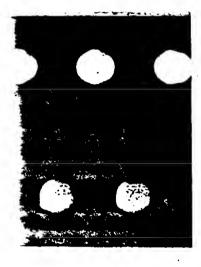
Secondly, the Committee will function entirely spart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Victnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the Ifamilies' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Victnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflamatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the make of propaganda simed at a prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

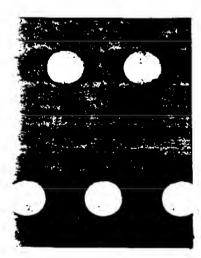
In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and natorial.

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We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Leos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels—who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience—can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to excete popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Bomen Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Dacky War-bucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.





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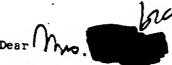
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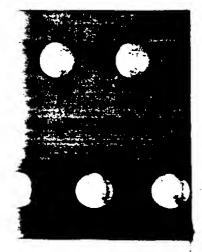
AU January 27, 1970

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in pickets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.



Sincerely.

Maggie Geddes

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Sowieemen Detained in North Vietnam

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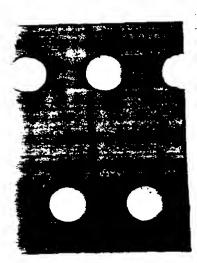
The Committee of Liaison will seek to facilitate communication between servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families in the U.S. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them to their families through the domestic mails. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of families. Families of missing servicemen are of course still free to send letters directly but should note the correct address for both letters and packages:

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name of serviceman
serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots
Captured in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam
Via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Prisoners can receive one letter a month and one package (not over six pounds in weight) every other month; the Committee will not be forwarding packages. Letters sent to the COL to forward should be sealed, and should not have stamps affixed to them since letters are forwarded in packets. Stamps should be enclosed with the letters however.

In addition, the Committee will make requests to the North Vietnamese on behalf of families who do not know whether their missing relative is a prisoner in North Vietnam. We need to have the servicemen's service number, and information on when and where he was shot down in order to make an inquiry. If an individual is being held in North Vietnam, we would hope to receive back a letter from him to his family. If he is known to be dead or if the North Vietnamese have no information on him at all, we expect to receive that word from them. In any case we will contact the family concerned as soon as we received word. In this way we expect that, as Xuan Thuy (head of the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris) has said, gradually all families of prisoners held in North Vietnam will hear from their relatives.



Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with North Vietnem and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information concerning men held in Laos by the Pathet Lao or in any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved.

Secondly, the COL will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from released fliers: apparently, the government has decided to deoperate existing communications and the possibility of the province of the possibility of numeritarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in South Vietnam by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple foot that the

resolution of the status of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and material.

Esckground

The Committee of Liaison has been established as an extension of past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the American peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese toward opening communications between Americans and Vietnamese and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings are a matter of public record and have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba, and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, which they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the American people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedem, self-determination. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

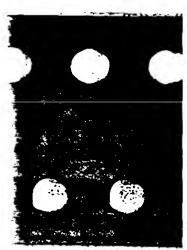
It is in this context that the Vietnamese have indicated their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement, which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government which flaunts them. In the past, the Victnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen-primarily pilots whose planes had been shot down-when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate consistence—February 1968, July 1968, and July 1969—representatives of the American enti-war movement have gone to Hanoi to return with released servicemen; on one other occasion an American peace activists went to Fhnom Fenh, Cambodia, to receive three released N.L.F. captives. Americans viciting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the requests of femilies, and have brought back letters from servicemen being held in North Vietnam. There have also been occasions when peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them there.

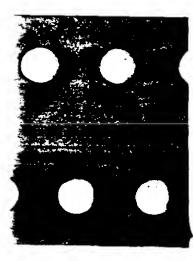
The Committee

The Committee of Liaison firmly believes that the safe return of U.S. prisoners in North Vietnam and the half-million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to completely withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are sarving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

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As individuals Committee members are active in a variety of organizations and groups committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, the Conspiracy, Chergy and Laymen Concorned About Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Newsreel, Lawyers Committee on Vietnam, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee of Liaison is entirely dependent on donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to surtain its work.





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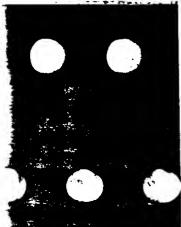
Senator Clifford P. Case United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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Mrs. Anne Bennett

Dear Senator Case:

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Enclosed is our Information Sheet which explains our functions, background and perspective.

Thank you for your letter of February 11th enclosing the letter from Mrs. Joan Abbott whose husband is a

from him through our office. We certainly understand

prisoner in North Vietnam and who has received mail

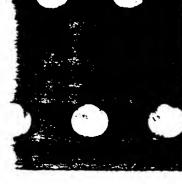
Mrs. Abbott's and other families' distress over the

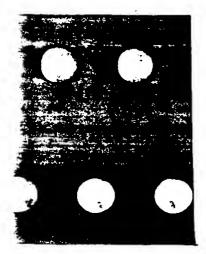
absence of their relatives, caused by this long and

horrifying war; and we of course do not want to add

Our intention is not to "use" the families or to exploit their difficult situation. However, since the government has made this a public issue by making a major propaganda issue of prisoners, we do feel it is necessary to let Americans know that specific men are known to be prisoners and that mail is being received from them. For that reason we publish a list of names of prisoners sending letters, and of the recepients, as we receive them from North Vietnam and re-mail them In fact most of the responses from families has naturally been one of gratitude and joy at receiving a letter and since we in no way force them to accept our politics they are free to, and often do, ignore our role in for-warding them the letter. We will certainly respect Mrs. Abbott's wish to not make her name public in the future. I might also add that we never have and never intend to publicize the contents of any of the letters.

Since we feel it is important for the families to understand who we are and why the North Vietnamese have asked us to act as a liaison, we do send them

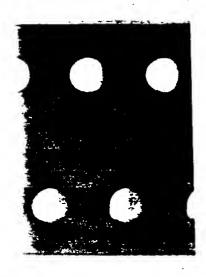


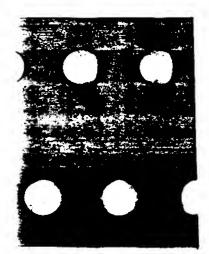


a covering letter and the Information Sheet. They are of course free to disregard our accompanying material. Specifically as regards Mrs. Abbott we will try not to add to her anguish; should we have any letters for her in the future we will forward them on without a covering note.

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to write again.

Sincerely yours, Couldes Cora Weiss





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We have just received word from Eanci that

a letter from
has been mailed to you from North Vietnam. His
name was included in a list of 80 servicemen
just received; this list represents advance
notice of 82 letters mailed together in a
package due to arrive soon. As acon as it comes,
we will forward it to you. Forgive this mimeographed communication, but we wanted you to know
as quickly sa possible.

The Committee of Lisison was set up to facilitate communication between men who are held in North Vietnam and their families in this country. You may be interested to know that since this new arrangement was made with the North Vietnamese in December, 376 letters have been sent from Hanoi through up to families, and that as of this

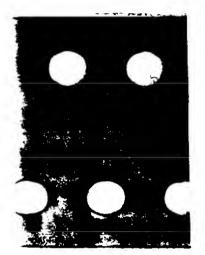
through us to families, and that as of this current notification 256 servicemen have been confirmed as held by the North Vietnamese. More mail is en route and it is expected that mall will soon be normalized.

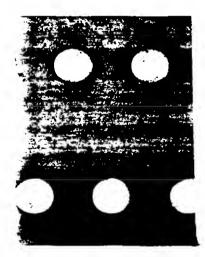
The arrangement for mail is described in the announcement enclosed. We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and lope that you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have further questions. In the meantime we continue to work for the immediate and complete withdrawal of all troops from Vietnam; to bring to an end the fighting, killing and capturing; and to besten the day when all families, American and Vietnamese will be reunited.

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Sincerely yours,

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10 nsn-April 20, 1970

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Lisison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

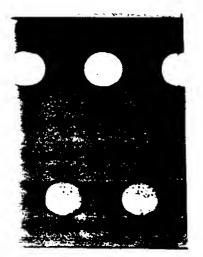
While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed airletter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

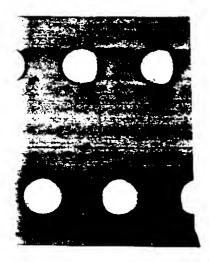
We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

Steven E. Hallivell

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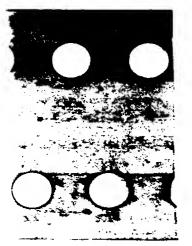
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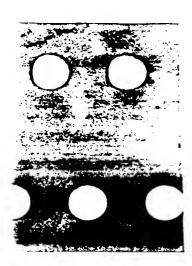
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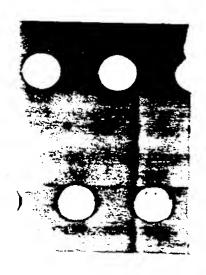


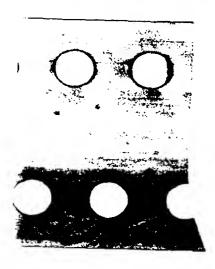
Dear Friends,

We are very happy to forward the enclosed letters to you. I would like to give you an account of the events that took place around the illegal seizure of these letters at Kennedy Airport on Wednesday. You would have had your mail a day or two earlier had it not been for this interference.

Robert Scheer announced when he left Hanoi that he had been given 379 letters from pilots whose names appeared on the list of 335 previously confirmed prisoners. Br. Scheer, with a delagation of 10, had spent three months in Algeria, North Korea, China, and North Vietnam, and had accumulated a wide range of materials. However, U.S. Customs officials at Kennedy Airport were interested only in the whereabouts of the letters. Mr. Scheer opened the two packets of letters for the Customs officials to see. They then took him into a private room and demanded that he turn ever the mail, saying, "to must open is and read it. He refused to hand over the letters as they had been consigned to him for immediate delivery to families. Finally, the Customs officials agreed to place the letters in bond, where the packages were officially sealed and a receipt given to !r. Scheer.

(Last Saturday 143 letters were brought by a traveller returning from Hanoi. That brought to 1243 the number of letters from prisoners that have been delivered by hand to the U.S. without interference.)





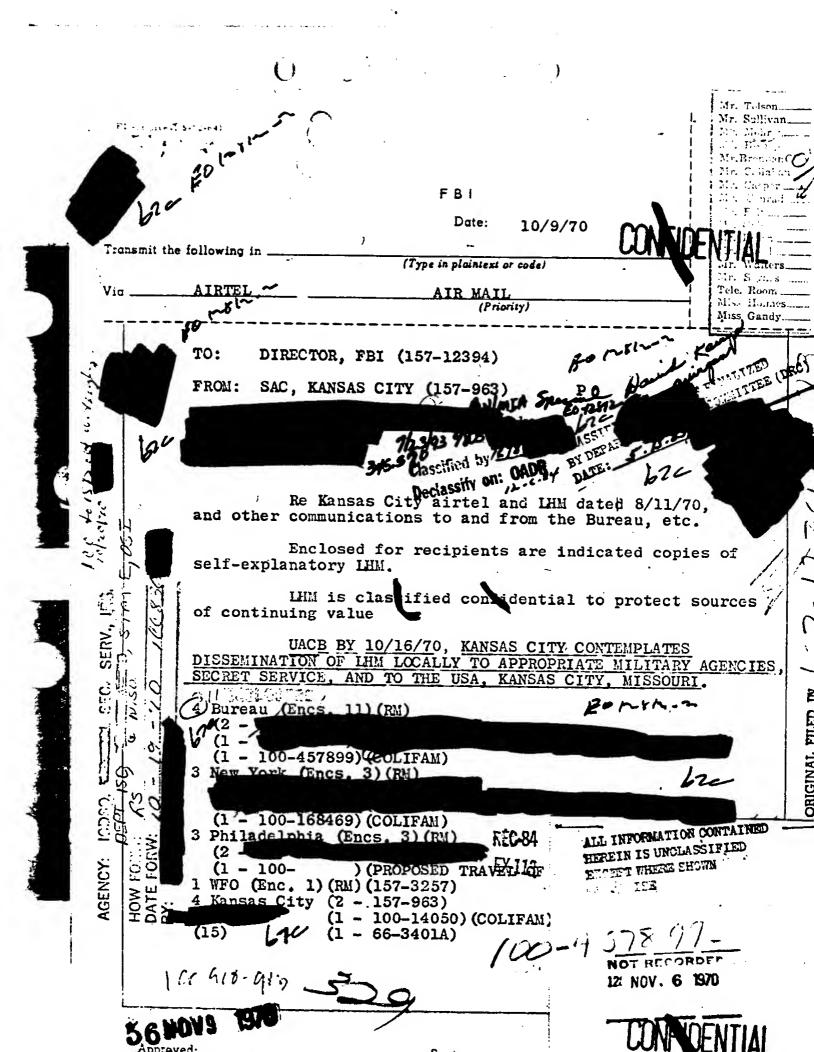
No explanation has been offered by anyone for the seizure of the mail, and no guarantees have been made that this will not happen again. On Thursday afternoon the State Department assured me that the mail was available to be claimed and expressed concern that it be forwarded immediately to relieve anxiety of waiting families. Mc reminded the State Department that it was the government that had seized the mail in seeming disregard for the families, prisoners, and the future of communication between them. Mr. Scheer offerred to meet with representatives of the State Department at the airport to discuss the situation and see what could be done to prevent future occurrances of this nature. His request was rejected. When he went with Rennie Davis and myself to reclaim the mail, he was unnecessarily harrassed, and the press was ejected from observing the reclamation, despite the fact that the very same people had observed the seizure. When he finally got the letters, "r. Scheer immediately transferred them to the Committee of Liaison for distribution.

We are very distressed about this incident. This delivery of mail brought first letters from previously confirmed prisoners for four families, some of whom had had no mail for five years. We have devoted considerable time and effort to maintaining a reliable and efficient channel for communication between you and the pilots. At the initiative of the North Vietnamese both the volume and frequency of mail has increased. The pilots have been receiving increasing numbers of packages, including a wide assortment of food, medicines, clothing and various kinds of games. We are not responsible for the consequences that acts of governmental interference may produce.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us if you have any questions, and kindly inform us of any changes of address. Should you wish us to forward mail to your relatives in North Vietnam we will be glad to do so. There will be several people travelling there in the coming months.

Sincerely yours,

Cora Teiss



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina October 13, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Interviews of relatives of servicemen missing in action or being held prisoner by North Vietnam are set out herein.

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was from the committee of Limison. The envelope contained one six line letter, a Christmas card, and a form letter from the Committee of Limison with the following individuals listed on the letter as members:

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Mrs. continues she heard nothing more from MEACHAM until May of 1970, when he telephonically contacted her advising a Mr. KIRKPATRICK, American Friends Service Committee, Seattle, Washington, was traveling to North Vietnam, date unrecalled, and a letter could be sent to her husband through him. She used this means.

was forwarded to RANDOLPH Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, the Personnel Center for missing in action and prisoner of war veterans, for analyzing. The results of this analysis were depressing to Mrs. and she telephonically contacted MEACHAM on August 14, 1970, advising him of same and asked him to determine if her husband was ill, as she believed so. She also requested to send him appropriate supplies if necessary. MEACHAM returned the telephone call the same day saing he furnished the information given him by her to a psychiatrist at one of the largest universities in the United States, name not given, and was advised by this individual the conclusions are that of one man only. Nothing further transpired regarding this conversation.

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Mrs. further stated she received two additional six line letters from her husband on June 15, 1970, one dated April 7, 1970, and the other May 2, 1970, postmarked Banoi. These letters were mailed to her in Committee of Limison envelopes with the enclosed form letter as described above, after being hand carried by members of an unknown American Women's group which toured North Vietnam.

occasions used the Committee of Liaison resources to transmit three letters to her husband and on each occasion received a form reply letter from the committee saying they sent same to North Vietnam. This is the only contact she has had with the Committee of Liaison except on one other occasion when they forwarded her an Anti-War and Withdrawal from Vietnam pamphlet during the time of the Chicago seven trial. Her only contact with MEACHAM has been telephonic. Mrs. Stated all contacts have been business like and no pressure or influence has been brought to bear.

Mrs. added there is no reason to use the committee's facilities to send packages or letters to her husband, as she is allowed to send one package every other month, which she began doing in December of 1969, and one letter every month.

Mrs. could not furnish the name or source in Morth Vietnam contacted by MEACHAM, as he never identified same. She could not furnish additional names of wives or prisoners of war.

Regaring possible testimony, Mrs. Stated it would be necessary to contact her for a decision when trial was imminent so she could evaluate her personal situation. She emphatically expressed displeasure with the necessity to deal with the committee of Liaison and their operation but added this is the only source, including United States Government sources and channels, available to her to receive communications from her husband.

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Mrs. Stated that on or about September 1, 1970, there was a film showing photographs of prisoners that had been in custody of the Viet Cong and her daughter thought that she saw Mrs. Son in one of the photographs. Mrs. Stated that she would immediately contact the Federal Sureau of Investigation in event that she was contacted by any individual concerning her sen.

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North Carolina, Was advised of the nature of the investigation and identity of the interviewing agent. See furnished the following information.

United States Air Force, who has been missing in action for approximately four years.

She cannot state specifically that she was contacted by the "Committee of Liaison With Manilies of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam," but did note that, as best she can recall, several months ago she received one questionnaire through the mail which indicated that she was on a committee and, therefore, her answers to certain questions were being solicited. The questions asked of her pertained to president NIXON's policy in Vietnam and the Vietnam War. She cannot recall the name of the group sending her the letter or where the letter had been postmarked. She just ripped the letter up because she did not know the validity of the questionnaire and did not wish to become involved in nearthing or with some group she knew nothing about.

a similar type questionnaire in the future or in the event she received any information concerning the "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam," she would immediately contact the FBI.

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Forth Carolina, Advised her sea,

has been missing in action since
local Dr sen was assigned to the United States Air
Force Base in
plane mission

1968, and never returned
to the base.

Stated that she and her husband
were advised of their sea's status by personal contact with
a United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel from Charlotte.
Horth Carolina, on May 22, 1968. Since that time, they
have received no additional information concerning the P

son's whereabouts or physical condition.

continued that on two cocasions she attempted to have letters forwarded her son through Hanoi, Vietnam. On one occasion she forwarded her letter to the FOR American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in December, 1969. Her letter was not returned but she was advised by this organization that they were unable to deliver the letter. Mrs. stated that on June 2, 1970, she wrote to KENNETH KIRKPATRICK. American Friends Service Committee, 814 Northeast Fortieth Street, Seattle, Washington, requesting him to forward an enclosed letter to her son in North Vietnam. By letter dated July 27, 1970, on the letterhead of the American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, KIRKPATRICK advised that he went to Hamoi in June, 1970, and met with a Mr. TRAN TRONG QUAT of the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People. He attempted to have the letter forwarded to however, this individual Almo did not appear on the list of advised that since ! 335 acknowledged prisoners of war, he would be unable to 120 deliver the letter.

Mrs. advised that she has on a number of occasions forwarded a package to her son at Hanoi and letters through the International Red Cross; however, these efforts have met with negative results, in that no acknowledgement has been received.

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by the Committee of Limison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She stated, however, if this in fact did occur she would immediately notify her personal limison contact at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, South Carolina, and the Federal Bureau of Envestigation, Asheville, North Carolina.

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Mr.		
Advi	a, was interviewed in the presence of his wife.	
A men!	ber of the United States Air Force and currently	
missing in act	tion presumably in Viet Man. Mr. Wall advised	
and while on	was a mission from the Ba Mang Air Force Base, South	
Viet Mam, did	not return. Mr. stated he has not heard	
anything from	his son since 1969, when he was officia	11 y
of the United	sing in action. He was notified by a representation States Air Force of his son's status on	46
1969.		iV
Mr.	stated he has not been contacted by the	. !!
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1 October 2, 1970 76 in care of Morth Carolina, advised that he has had no contact whatsoever with the Committee of Liaison with Famil<u>ion of</u> Servicemen Betained in North Vietnam (COLITAN), Mr. advised that he had been by the Military authorities that his son, was missing in action, but no other contact efficially or unofficially from any outside groups regarding his sen. advised that several friends and relatives have asked him intimate questions regarding <u>his</u> son; however, these were personal inquiries. Er. W madvised that he had no information of other families of servicemen being approached by the Committee of Liaison with Families of W Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam; bewever, he has seen articles in the local newspaper regarding this organization. advised that if any contact is made, he would contact the mearest Federal Bureau of Investigation Office,

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was interviewed at her place of employment, Mrs. was informed of the identity of the interviewing

contact the FBI Office in Charlotte, North Carolina.

agnet and of the nature of the inquiry. Mrs. stated that she was the wife of who is a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam, She advised that she had received some correspondence from the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She stated that the only contact she had had with COLIFAM was in the form of the letters from said organization.

Mrs. stated she would attempt to locate said letters stated she would attempt to locate said letters and make them available to the FBI. Further, that if there is no further contact with said organization she would

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Mrs.

Carolina, made available copies of the following letters which she received from the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), same being received on October 9, 1970. See attached.

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We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster

Barbara Webster

June 14, 1970